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Dear Citizens & Community Leaders:

The Delaware Forest Service (DFS) and the Delaware Community Forestry Council are pleased to announce the availability of the annual Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program for 2008. This year we will offer the following grants: Tree Planting and Tree Management.

Over the past sixteen years, the Urban & Community Forestry Program has positively impacted the quality of life of Delaware's communities by awarding over \$1 million to more than 175 Delaware communities and organizations. This year we seek to fund such projects as community tree inventories, development of professional community forestry plans, tree pruning and removal, riparian area or stream buffer planting, street tree projects, etc.

Enclosed are the grant guidelines and applications for the 2008 grant process. There have been a few significant changes to the application, so please remember to read the enclosed grant package carefully. The most significant change is the ranking process. This year we will give priority to first-time applicants or applicants who have not received urban forestry grant funds within the past three years. Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday June 20th, 2008.

Several workshops have been scheduled to assist you with your grant application. Please see the enclosed schedule for times and locations. If you can't make a workshop and you still have questions, please give us a call. We would be glad to help.

Sincerely,

Henry Poole **Urban Forestry Coordinator** Delaware Forest Service (302) 659-6705 (302) 934-3593 mobile

Grant Workshop Schedule

May 5th, 2008 RSVP Henry Poole by May 2nd

Place: Delaware Department of Agriculture @ (302) 659-6705

2320 S. DuPont Highway or

Dover, DE 19901 (302) 943-3593 Time: 10:00am- 12:00 pm

May 7th, 2008 RSVP Henry Poole by May 2nd

Place: Delaware Center for Horticulture @ (302) 659-6705

1810 N. DuPont Street or Wilmington, DE 19806 (302) 943-3593

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm

May 20th, 2008 RSVP Henry Poole by May 16th

Place: Redden State Forest- Education Center @ (302) 659-6705

18074 Redden Forest Drive or

Georgetown, DE 19947 (302) 943-3593

Georgetown, DE 19947 (302) 943-3593 Time: 10:00- 12:00 pm